

amendment to the Constitution. The Civil War was over, but African Americans still were not guaranteed the rights of citizens. The 13th amendment had banned slavery, but many States were still refusing basic rights to black people.

In 1868, Thaddeus Stevens of Lancaster, Pennsylvania introduced the 14th amendment to fix that. His amendment guaranteed that all persons born in the United States were citizens, not just of this country, but also of the State where they lived. Thaddeus Stevens fought hard for the 14th amendment.

However, the 14th amendment was not enough for him. He wanted full equality among the races, but that was too much for his contemporaries. Disappointed, Stevens said that he would "Take all I can get in the cause of humanity and leave it to be perfected by better men in better times."

Stevens died soon afterwards and was buried in the only cemetery in Lancaster that did not discriminate. His tombstone reads this way: "I repose in this quiet and secluded spot, that I might illustrate in my death the principles which I advocated through a long life: equality of man before his Creator."

Mr. Speaker, Thaddeus Stevens was a great man indeed.

THE GIRL SCOUTS ARE A FIRST CLASS ORGANIZATION

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, when the Girl Scouts came to call on me for their annual visit to give me Girl Scout cookies, I said to them, I never hear from you all except at cookie time. They said, well, why not talk about us from time to time. So today I am going to talk about the Girl Scouts, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls, all girls where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, they build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all of their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. Today, there are 3.7 million Girl Scouts, 2.7 million girl members, and 915 adult members.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to continue to purchase and consume Girl Scout cookies, but let us promote them year-round. The Girl Scouts are, indeed, a first-class organization.

TAINTED WATER SUPPLY AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, on such a beautiful sunny day here in the Nation's Capitol, do we not think it might be refreshing to once in a while have a drink from a glass of cool refreshing water? Would we trust that water if it was from a well in southern Nevada 20 years from now?

Well, Mr. Speaker, are my colleagues aware that Yucca Mountain, Nevada, the space designated for the world's high-level nuclear waste dump, sits on a water reservoir? And are my colleagues aware that the Department of Energy has admitted that the rate of water infiltration into Yucca Mountain is 100 times higher than that which the Federal Government originally intended for the site? And did my colleagues know that even the smallest earthquake at Yucca Mountain could jar the repository, could break the casks that hold this high-level nuclear waste? If my colleagues knew that this glass of water may contain radioactive nuclides from spent fuel, they would not drink it.

Well, Mr. Speaker, Nevadans will not either. Storing spent fuel at Yucca Mountain, Nevada is a dangerous endeavor and needs to be stopped, for Nevada and for every American.

NATO EXPANSION SHOULD INCLUDE ROMANIA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for Romania's membership into NATO. I was warmly welcomed to Cluj-Napoca, the sister city of Columbia, South Carolina, and I have seen firsthand as the roots of democracy flourish in Romania.

A recent article in The Washington Post cited the successful reform efforts of Romania, as well as the cooperation that Romania has offered to America to fight the war on terrorism. Romania has unconditionally opened its airspace to its allies with 20 NATO military flights daily. Its brave young men and women serve as peacekeepers in Kabul, and the Romanian government has offered a specialized mountain unit for service in the rugged terrain in Afghanistan.

I commend the efforts of Ambassador Sorin Ducaru, Foreign Minister Mircea Geoana, and Deputy Chief of Mission Stelian Stoian for their continuing important reforms and for joining the war on terrorism. Romania is proving itself as a trustworthy ally and should be granted membership to NATO with its neighbor, Bulgaria.

TANF REAUTHORIZATION

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the reauthorization of TANF, let us be mindful of the fact that 75 percent of all new jobs are created in suburban communities, outside large inner cities. If we are to be successful with moving people from welfare to work, then we must make sure that there is adequate money, resources for transportation, so that the people can get from where there are virtually no jobs to where the jobs are.

Mr. Speaker, let us make sure that transportation is a part of TANF reauthorization so that people can get from welfare to where the jobs are.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6:30 p.m. today.

NOTIFICATION AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE ANTIDISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION ACT OF 2001

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 169) to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws; to require that each Federal agency post quarterly on its public Web site, certain statistical data relating to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints filed with such agency; and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate Amendments:

Page 2, line 6, strike out "2001" and insert "2002".

Page 2, in the table of contents, strike out "TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS"

"Sec. 101. Findings."

"Sec. 102 Definitions."

"Sec. 103 Effective date."

and insert

TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 101. Findings.

Sec. 102. Sense of Congress.

Sec. 103. Definitions.

Sec. 104. Effective date.

Page 2, in the table of contents, strike out "Sec. 206 Study by the General Accounting Office regarding exhaustion of administrative remedies."

and insert

"Sec. 206. Studies by General Accounting Office on exhaustion of remedies and certain Department of Justice costs."